



In re Application of:

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Group Art Unit: 1635

Application No.: 09/783,981

Examiner: Janet L. Epps

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For: PROCESS FOR PREPARING  
FUNCTIONALIZED  
POLYALKYLENEIMINES,  
COMPOSITIONS CONTAINING  
THEM AND USES THEREOF

Commissioner for Patents and Trademarks  
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

## AMENDMENT

In reply to the Office Action mailed January 14, 2003, Applicants submit the following amendments and remarks. By virtue of the shortened three-month statutory period set by the Office, this reply is due by April 14, 2003, and is timely filed.

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Please amend claims 34 and 38, as follows:

34. The process according to claim 23, wherein the functionalized hemiacetal has the general formula:

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